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(b) whether the Industries department have made any recommendation as to what would be a suitable centre, and what the cost would be for starting an experimental factory for making porcelain ware?

A.—(a) The Director of Industries was asked to examine and report on the recommendation.

(b) The answer is in the negative, as Government subsequently decided not to start an experimental factory for financial reasons.

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"In view of the fact that the decision was arrived at three years ago, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider the desirability of reconsidering the question of including the item in the next budget?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I am prepared to consider the suggestion for what it is worth."

Work turned out by the department of sericulture.

* 463 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) when a separate department of sericulture was created; and

(b) what the nature of work turned out by the department till now is?

A.—(a) There is no separate department of sericulture. A sericultural branch in the Department of Agriculture was created in 1919 originally.

(b) The hon. Member's attention is invited to the annual administration reports of the Department of Industries, which are placed at the disposal of the Press.

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know, Sir, whether any officer of the Industries department was deputed by this Government to make a special study of this branch of industry in Japan and other countries?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"An officer has gone to Japan."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Has that officer submitted any report on his work in Japan?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I believe so; if the hon. Member wants further information, I want notice."

Grants and loans paid to indigenous industrial concerns since 1925.

* 464 Q.—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what the amounts are of grants and loans sanctioned and paid to indigenous industrial concerns and other private industries in this province in each year since 1925;

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(b) what the amount is of loan so far recovered in the case of each;
(c) what is still due in the case of each; and
(d) what the amount is so far written off in the case of each?

A.—A statement [a] furnishing the particulars is appended.

Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder:—"May I know, Sir, whether the figures in column 4 relate to overdues or only current or future instalments?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Figures in column 4 represent balance of loans outstanding."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, if the Hon. Minister thinks that he has worked the State Aid to Industries Act satisfactorily because a little over a lakh of rupees has been spent for the purpose of encouraging industries?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I suppose so far as finance permitted, we have worked that Act."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"The statement shows that a sum of Rupees 2,49,215-8-0 due by the Carnatic Paper Mills was written off. I want to know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that under the State Aid to Industries Act loans are advanced only to parties who are able to provide securities to the extent of double the loan applied for. And if so why in the case of the Carnatic Paper Mills it was found necessary to write off such a large sum?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"This was given in 1925. I cannot answer off hand. If the hon. Member wants more information, I want notice."

Diwan Bahadur A. Appadurai Pillai:—"From the statistics given on page 63 there is a decided fall in the disposal of loan applications. We see in 1925 three loans were granted; in 1972—1; in 1928—2; in 1929—no loan; in 1930—2; in 1931—2; in 1932—1; in 1933—1; in 1934—no loan; in 1935—1. Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider why in recent years in 1932, 1933 and 1934 the amounts sanctioned were very small compared with the amount of the budget grant?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"It all depends on the applications. If the Government think that those who apply for loans are in a position to repay, they will consider."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know, Sir, whether these do not form the first charge on the assets of the companies?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I think so."

Diwan Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"If so, may I know why some loans were written off?"

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The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Nothing can be done in those cases."

Mr. C. Basu Dev:—"May I know, Sir, whether Government satisfy themselves that the workers employed in the Industrial concerns are properly looked after before they make any grant-in-aid for such industries?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I do not think in regard to these loans Government have anything to do with the workers."

Mr. M. S. Sreshta:—"How many applications have been received in each of the last three years?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I cannot answer off hand, Sir."

Mr. K. Koti Reddi:—"May I take it, Sir, that whenever a depu-
11-30 a.m. tation waits on the Hon. the Minister, any amount can be written off?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I should not think so, Sir; the hon. Member is mistaken."

Registration

Investiture of powers on Sub-Registrars to conduct enquiries under section 35 of the Registration Act.

* 465 *Q.*—Mr. G. Rameswara Rao: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Sub-Registrars who are invested with powers to conduct original enquiries regarding fact of execution under the proviso to sub-section (3) of section 35 of the Registration Act;

(*b*) whether the results so far achieved by such investment are encouraging as to extend it to all Sub-Registrars or at least to Sub-Registrars of more than ten years standing; and

(*c*) if the Government are not prepared to order such extension, what the special reasons are for it?

A.—(*a*) Twelve.

(*b*) & (*c*) A report received from the Inspector-General shows that the system has worked satisfactorily. The Government consider that its working may be watched for a few more years before it is further extended.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—"Sir, when the Sub-Registrars are entrusted with the power of enquiring into the genuineness of wills involving large amounts of property, is there any difficulty in allowing them to enquire into deeds which are inter vivos as opposed to posthumous documents?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"It will involve unnecessary labour."